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SUBJ: M/V SEACRUST TRIAL

FOR ARA/CAR SURBER FROM CHARGE

REF: SURBER/TAYLOR TELCONS 27 JAN

1. PURSUANT TO TELCON I RECEIVED A CALL FROM ASST U.S. ATTORNEY GASKIN IN WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA. MR. GASKIN REQUESTED A) THAT I AUTHORIZE NLO MCGEE TO PROCEED TO WILMINGTON ON JANUARY 30 TO AUTHENTICATE LETTER FROM PERMSECRUSSELL TO MCGEE DATED 8 DEC. 1977, AND B) TO REQUEST THAT MR. RUSSELL OR APPROPRIATE MEMBER OF HIS STAFF DO LIKEWISE. BOTH MCGEE AND MINISTRY OFFICIAL ARE TO APPEAR IN COURT AT 10:00 AM ON JANUARY 31.
2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH PERMSEC HE A) EXPRESSED SOME ANNOYANCE WITH "SHORT FUSE"; B) SPOKE OF A "GENERAL POLICE PROMULGATED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL/MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY WHICH FROWNS ON BAHAMIAN OFFICIALS GIVING EVIDENCE OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN FOREIGN TRIALS," C) REQUESTED THAT I SEND A WRITTEN REQUEST TO MINISTRY FOR MINISTERS' CONSIDERATION.
3. I REPORTED ORALLY RUSSELL'S POSITION BOTH TO DEPT, MR. SURBER, AND TO MR. GASKIN AND WITH CLEARANCE OF LATTER
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DRAFTED AND HAND DELIVERED FOLLOWING LETTER TO MINISTRY
QTE DEAR MR. RUSSELL:
PURSUANT TO OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF THIS MORNING,
I AM DIRECTED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
TO REQUEST THAT A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF THE MINISTRY
OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL TO
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA TO AUTHENTICATE IN COURT

YOUR SIGNATURE ON A LETTER DATED 8 DECEMBER 1977
CONCERNING THE "SEACRUST" INCIDENT. A COPY OF THAT
LETTER IS ENCLOSED. THE AUTHENTICATION IS CONSIDERED
OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PROSECUTION IN THE TRIAL
OF U.S. V. DOMINGUEZ ET AL, WHICH GOES TO TRIAL AT
10:00 AM ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 31.

"COMMANDER MCGEE OF THIS EMBASSY WILL ALSO GIVE
EVIDENCE CONCERNING SAID LETTER AND ALL EXPENSES WILL BE
DEFRAIDED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. UNQTE

4. EMBASSY WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSURE
COMMANDER MCGEE'S APPEARANCE AT TRIAL. WE ARE, HOWEVER,
NOT AT ALL SANGUINE IF GCOB, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, WILL
SEND A MINEXTAFF OFFICIAL TO TRIAL. IN ANY EVENT WE
DESPERATELY NEED FISCAL DATA FOR TRAVEL OF ONE OR BOTH
AND ONCE AGAIN REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT GIVE US MORE
LEAD TIME IN MAKING REQUESTS OF THIS NATURE. PERMSEC
RUSSELL'S AND MINISTER ADDERLEY'S PATIENCE WITH LAST
MINUTE, URGENT REQUESTS IS GROWING SHORT AND MY
ABILITY TO PRODUCE IS BEING SORELY TESTED.
TAYLOR

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